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**PETITION FILING INSTRUCTION SHEET
2008 PRIMARY ELECTION
CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

The Division of Elections accepts petitions on behalf of the Attorney General, the Chief Election Official in the State of New Jersey. This instruction sheet will set forth qualifications for candidacy and provide an overview of the statutory requirements for submitting petitions in conformity with Title 19, the Election Laws of New Jersey.

Pursuant to Article II, Section I, Clause 4 of the Constitution of the United States, to be a candidate for Choice for President of the United States, you must be:

- ✓ at least 35 years of age
- ✓ a natural born citizen of the United States
- ✓ a United States resident for at least fourteen years

Petitions may be filed in person or mailed but must be received on or prior to the deadline date and time. Petitions must be filed with the Division of Elections on or before **4:00 p.m. on December 10, 2007.**

Read and follow petition instructions carefully in order to ensure that the petition is accepted for filing. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:25-3 et seq. the petition must meet the following requirements:

- ✓ Petitions must be **signed by at least 1000 voters.**
- ✓ Candidate's name along with complete address must appear on each petition.
- ✓ The circulator/witness is the person who collected the signatures on the petition and must complete and sign the affidavit where indicated. **Circulator/witness** must sign the petition as a petitioner on a numbered line and **location of signature must be identified.**

You may want to contact the Democratic/Republican State Committees for additional information. The Democratic State Committee contact person and telephone number are Robert Asaro-Angelo, Executive Director, 609-392-3367. The Republican State Committee contact person and telephone number are Don Povia, Executive Director, 609-989-7300.

This instruction sheet is not meant to encompass all of the statutory and constitutional requirements for filing petitions, but to be used as a guide only. If you have any questions, you may contact the Division of Elections at (609) 292-3760.